

## ABOUT THE LAST

ARMIES OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN  
READY FOR THE LAST FIGHT

### FALL OF PORT ARTHUR EXPECTED HOURLY

Japanese Guns Pouring Destructive Fire into the City—The Russian Lines Weakened—The Siege Will be the Bloodiest Since Sedan

TOKIO: The final assault on Port Arthur is imminent. Hundreds of Japanese guns continue to pour a destructive fire into the city and harbor along the lines of forts and entrenchments preparatory for the infantry assault. It is evident that the Russian lines have been weakened and partly penetrated in the vicinity of Antzshan and Itzshan forts. The entire line of Russian defenses immediately about the harbor are within range of the Japanese guns. A number of Russian forts and batteries continue to be vigorous. The Japanese death toll will be heavily increased before they are captured.

The direction of the Japanese attack creates the impression here that the city and defenses on either side of the harbor entrance will fall first. The final stand will be made at Liaotieshan. Japanese official channels of information remain closed and the navy department's announcement of the striking of a mine by the battleship Sevastopol and the firing upon the Russian forts by the cruisers Kasura are the only disclosures made for several days. It is believed here that both sides have suffered heavy losses and that the final record will make the siege the bloodiest since Sedan. The Japanese are supremely confident of the ultimate result. The leaders of the government await the outcome in calm assurance. The people are everywhere decorating the streets and houses and erecting arches and flagstaves in preparation for a national celebration of the expected victory.

### FIGHT FOR SEVEN HOURS

Japanese and Russians Get Busy for Awhile

ST. PETERSBURG: A dispatch from Chefoo, dated August 22, says that, according to Chinese reports, the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, pouring in a heavy fire, but that the Russians succeeded in silencing the Japanese batteries. The Japanese fleet was not engaged, having put further out to sea.

The news that the Port Arthur squadron has again sailed out is expected at any hour, as Rear Admiral Prince Ouktomsky's orders are imperative to go out or destroy his ships beyond the possibility of repair before the fortress falls.

LONDON: No further war news has reached London. According to the Moscow correspondent of the Morning Post Lieutenant General Stoessel concluded a telegram to an intimate friend there with the words, "Farewell forever. Port Arthur will be my tomb."

ST. PETERSBURG: The news that the navy department at Washington absolutely denied that the United States warships at Shanghai had received instructions to assist in the protection of the neutrality of China or to in any way interfere with the Japanese warships, which news did not arrive until late, put something of a damper on the feeling of satisfaction with which the earlier reports had been received.

## A CHANGE IN MANAGEMENT

A Man From Illinois to be Placed at the Head of the Sanitarium

GUTHRIE: J. A. Willoughby, receiver for the defunct Capitol National bank, has stated that A. T. Clark of Belleville, Ill., will succeed George Bolend as superintendent in charge of the Oklahoma asylum for the insane at Norman on September 1. The entire plan has been made and announced with the approval of Governor Ferguson. Mr. Clark is a physician of prominence, who for several years was officially connected with the Illinois asylum at Jacksonville, and he will receive at Norman the same salary as that paid to Bolend. Mr. Bolend will remain with the new management of the asylum one month to superintend the erection of a new building at Norman in which will be housed the insane of the Indian Territory, who are to be cared for under contract with Oklahoma, after the first of October.

Mr. Willoughby says that at the present time the installment of Dr. Clark as superintendent will be the only change made at the asylum. Dr. Clark is to be given full charge, and further changes, if there are any, will be made at his discretion. Mr. Willoughby considers Dr. Clark thoroughly capable in every way of taking charge of the asylum.

Governor Ferguson was consulted with before the appointment of Dr. Clark was decided upon by Mr. Willoughby. As receiver of the Capitol National bank, of which institution the asylum is a main asset, Mr. Willoughby felt responsible for the management and conduct of the institution, and determined to have some one in charge who is close to him in a business and social way, and one with whose business principles he was thoroughly acquainted. It is said that Governor Ferguson at first did not look with favor upon the proposed change, coming as quickly as it did after the Offhausen affair at the asylum, fearing that the change would reflect upon the administration. He yielded, however, when Willoughby explained that he desired to have as superintendent one whom he knew he could trust, and while Mr. Bolend might be all right in every respect he was not as satisfactory as one personally known to the receiver of the bank. Mr. Willoughby explained further to Governor Ferguson that any change, which might be made would be for the better interest of the institution and of the territorial patients confined there. He asked that if any complaints were made to the governor regarding the treatment of patients either in the way of food or personal comforts that these be brought at once to his notice, and if found valid a rectification would be made immediately.

The Commercial Congress to Meet PORTLAND, ORE.: Thomas

Richardson, chairman of the executive committee of the Trans-Mississippi commercial congress, has issued a formal call for the fifteenth session of the congress, to be held at St. Louis October 25 to 29, inclusive.

The governor of each state and territory may appoint ten, and not more than sixty, delegates, the mayor of each city may appoint one delegate, and one additional delegate for each 5,000 inhabitants, but no city can have more than ten delegates. Each county may appoint one delegate through its executive officer, and every business organization may appoint one delegate and an additional delegate for every fifty members, but no organization can have more than ten delegates.

### Sulphur Town Lot Sale

SULPHUR: A public auction sale of one hundred residence lots located in various parts of the approved townsite has been announced to be held Tuesday afternoon, August 30.

## WESTERN CAPITAL

OKLAHOMA CITY BANKER PURCHASES PHILIPPINE BONDS

### BIDS AGAINST NEW YORK BANKERS

M. L. Turner of Oklahoma City, Bids in the New Three Million Philippine Bonds—Bidding Was Spirited—A Great Victory for the West

WASHINGTON: Bids were opened Monday in the office of Colonel Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs for three million dollars in temporary Philippine certificates of indebtedness. The entire lot sold to M. L. Turner of Oklahoma City at \$101,410.

Other bids for the entire lot were: Kountz Brothers, New York, \$100,252; Fisk & Robinson, New York, \$100,125; National Park bank, New York, \$100,577; Guarantee Trust company, New York, \$101,260; C. S. Jones, Kansas City, \$100,435; Fisk & Son Vermilye, New York, \$101,377; Doornick & Doornick and William Solomon, New York, \$101,141.

The bidding was spirited, and the results are highly pleasing to the war department officials. They regard the high prices offered as indicating that the Philippines have gained a good credit in the money markets. The certificates were oversubscribed nine times. The bidding was close, the highest being less than \$10,000 ahead of the nearest competitor.

OKLAHOMA CITY: The news of Mr. Turner's buying the Philippine bonds was received here with much satisfaction. Not alone can Oklahoma City feel elated, but the entire southwest will hereafter be a consideration in financial matters.

### Will Make a Handsome Profit

WASHINGTON: Officials of the war department have been notified by the Guarantee Trust company of New York and Philippine depository in the United States that M. L. Turner, the Oklahoma City, Okla., banker, who was awarded the issue of three millions of Philippine bonds, has deposited the amount of his bid. The trust company was directed to turn the bonds over to Harvey Fiske & Sons of New York, who will transfer them to Mr. Turner. Mr. Turner had arranged for the sale of nearly the entire issue before he submitted his bid, and it is understood that he will realize a substantial profit. When here he said that while he would place a large part of the issue in New York, some of the bonds would be taken by western banks and trust companies.

### Closed for Twenty Years

SOUTH McALESTER: After lying idle for nearly twenty years, the Savanna coal mines are to be reopened. The Savanna mines were at one time the largest in Indian Territory, being operated by the Missouri Pacific railroad, and Savanna was one of the largest and most promising towns along the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. The daily output of coal was nearly 100 cars, and being of the same grade and quality of the McAlester coal, commanded ready sale. In 1887 an explosion occurred in the mines, in which about twenty miners were killed. The miners who escaped refused to continue work, so the mines were closed, and have never been reopened.

Rear Admiral John C. Watson has been placed on the retired list of the navy, having reached the age limit of sixty-two years.

## CROPS AND WEATHER

Report of Weather Station for Week Ending August 22

OKLAHOMA CITY: Section Director Strong has issued the following weekly bulletin of the condition of crops throughout this section:

Excessive precipitation occurred over Logan and Payne counties on the 16th, 17th and 21st, and over the Creek nation on the 18th; elsewhere the precipitation was moderate to heavy; temperatures were about normal during the week.

Wheat threshing was about completed with poor to fair yields; fall plowing continued in general progress with the ground placed in good condition by the recent rains. Early corn is being gathered with fair to good yields; the late corn was benefitted by the rains, is making a good growth and maturing from a fair to good crop.

Cotton is generally in a good to an excellent condition, is making a good growth and fruiting well, with bolls opening and some picking being done, some damage was caused by the boll worms, sharpshooters and shedding; the crop made by the recent rains and a large yield is practically assured.

Kaffir and broom corn, cane, millet and milo maize are being secured with good yields and quality reported; some cane, broom corn and millet cut were damaged by the heavy rains.

Haying progressed and is nearing completion over many localities; good yields of a good quality were reported; a good crop of alfalfa was secured in fine condition.

Late potatoes are up to a good stand; sweet potatoes are giving good yields.

Pasturage was improved by the rains and grass is in good condition, with stock doing well.

Grapes, apples, melons and gardens are giving fair to good yields.

### GOES AFTER BOND COMPANY

The Attorney General Has Begun an Action Against Bank Sureties

GUTHRIE: The attorney general, Mr. Simon, has begun suit in the Logan county district court against the United States Fidelity and Guaranty company of Baltimore, Md., for the recovery of \$25,000, which amount of territorial deposits the company had guaranteed in the Capitol National bank, now defunct.

Thus far none of the guaranty companies have paid, or shown any intention of paying the amounts guaranteed in the defunct bank. All will allow the cases to be fought out in the country, and the general supposition is that the companies have testimony that will enable them to beat the territory in the courts. In case the territory should get judgment the controversy will be in the courts ten years before a final settlement is reached.

### COTTON DAMAGE.

Reports from the Vicinity of Ardmore Tell of Deterioration

ARDMORE: The most discouraging reports are being received from the cotton sections west of here. The farmers say that the excessive hot winds and continued drouth have burned up the cotton to such an extent that some do not expect half a crop.

W. A. Alcorn was in the city recently from A. D. Chase's farm, two miles west of this place. He exhibited a number of half grown cotton bolls on which the boll worms had been at work. In some of them the entire inside of the boll had been eaten out. Mr. Alcorn says his crop of cotton is already damaged one-half, and unless the worms desist he will not make a half dozen bales on his entire crop of eighty-five acres. The worms seem to work in spots, however, as some cotton fields have not suffered any damage.